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1. THE SITUATION IN ATHENS AS IT RELATES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS VISITING OR RESIDENT HERE REMAINS CALM. NO INCIDENTS OF ANTI-AMERICAN NATURE SO FAR REPORTED. EMBASSY RECEIVED SEVERAL HUNDRED TELEPHONE CALLS AND PERSONAL VISITS FROM AMCITS WHO INFORMED THAT EMBASSY NOT FORMALLY RECOMMENDING DEPARTURE AT THIS TIME.

2. AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, EMBASSY REVIEWEING E AND E PLAN AND CHECKING WITH HOTELS IN ATHENS TO ESTABLISH CURRENT DATA
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RELATING TO TOURISTS. REPORTING FROM 60 HOTELS INDICATES

APPROXIMATELY 1000 AMERICAN TOURISTS NOW IN ATHENS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TOURISTS VISITING RELATIVES, WHICH MAY RUN TO AN ADDITIONAL THOUSAND. WE ARE ATTEMPTING OBTAIN SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM OUTLYING ISLANDS AND PROVINCES. FIGURES RELATING TO AMERICAN RESIDENTS REMAIN CURRENT AS REPORTED DURING JULY.

3. NOTAM 1051 ISSUED MID AFTERNOON AUGUST 14 STATES ALL AIRPORTS, WITH EXCEPTION ATHENS INTERNATIONAL NOW CLOSED. OLYMPIC IS CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, HOWEVER, AND WE UNDERSTAND SOME DOMESTIC FLIGHTS.

4. HARBOR MASTER INFORMED US THAT INTERISLAND FERRIES ARE MAINTAINING SCHEDULES, AS ARE FERRY BOATS TO AND FROM ITALY. ON OTHER HAND THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT MATCH STORIES WE HAVE HEARD FROM INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY STRANDED ON SIROS, KARPATOS AND RHODES. AS TO LATTER, 60 AMERICAN TOURISTS HAVE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES TO DIRECTOR VOA AS POTENTIAL EVACUEES.

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